

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Final Office Action of March 5, 2010. Claims 3-13 and 17-25 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 3-4 and 6-12 have been amended. Claims 17-25 are new. It is Applicant's belief that no new matter has been added by these amendments and new claims as they are, at a minimum, supported by the previously pending claims.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and remarks set forth below.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-6 and 9-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations relied upon by the Examiner. (March 5, 2010 FOA, pages 2-8)

However, the Examiner stated that "Claims 7 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." (March 5, 2010 FOA, page 9) Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowability.

In response, Applicant has rewritten dependent claims 7 and 8 in independent form and incorporated all of the limitations of base claim 2 into each. Applicant has also canceled claim 2. As such, it is Applicant's belief that claims 7 and 8 are allowable.

Further, Applicant has amended dependent claims 3-4, 6 and 9-12 to make them dependent on newly independent claim 7 rather than canceled independent claim 2 and to provide proper antecedent basis where needed. Applicant has also added new dependent claims 17-25, which substantially parallel claims 3-6 and 9-13, which new claims depend from newly independent claim 8.

Claims 2 and 14-16 have been canceled in this response thus obviating the §103 rejections of these claims. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these and any other claims supported by the present specification in another application.

Conclusion

All pending claims are allowable and Applicant therefore respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance from the Examiner. Should the Examiner have questions, the Applicant's agent may be reached at the number provided.

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